

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. WRU-04-38-272
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ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY WAIVER

(Issued August 18, 2004)

On August 11, 2004, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for a temporary waiver of the Board's rules regarding boundary map requirements, specifically 199 IAC 22.20(2), for the time period of August 17, 2004, until September 17, 2004. The request has been identified as Docket No. WRU-04-38-272.

Qwest has filed this request so as to provide service to the 2004 Farm Progress Show, which will be located in Alleman, Iowa, from August 31, 2004, through September 2, 2004. Qwest states that it has been asked by the directors of the Farm Progress Show to furnish the communications needs for the show. However, the site of the event is located in the service territory of Huxley Cooperative Telephone Association (Huxley). Huxley and Qwest have agreed that Qwest will provide service to the area to accommodate the communications needs for the show. The parties seek to temporarily move the northernmost boundary line for Qwest's Ankeny, Iowa, exchange three-quarters of a mile north to allow Qwest to accommodate the show.

Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(2) would normally require that Qwest and Huxley file revised boundary maps showing the change in their respective service territories during the show. Then, after the close of the show, when the service area reverts back to Huxley, a second filing of maps by both companies would be required. The Board finds that these filings would serve no useful purpose. Therefore, the Board will waive the requirements of 199 IAC 22.20(2) with respect to this limited service area. The waiver will be effective from August 17, 2004, through September 17, 2004. The Board finds this is a reasonable process as no current customers will be affected by this temporary revision, both companies are in agreement with the change, and the service territories will ultimately revert to their current status. The waiver, therefore, meets the standards of 199 IAC 1.3.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for temporary waiver of 199 IAC 22.20(2) filed by Qwest Corporation on August 11, 2004, is granted as described in this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of August, 2004.